

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

May 20, 2012

Whitewater, Kansas

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Peter Goerzen

Associate Pastor: Katherine Goerzen

Musicians: Carl Goossen & Pastor Katherine

Song Leader: Gladys Reimer

Living as Kingdom People – Proclaiming God’s Kingdom

*Gathering our Praise*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We’re glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God’s peace and direction as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Call to Worship from Psalms 9, 92 and 96

One: Sing to the Lord! Bless his name! Proclaim his salvation from day to day!

**Many: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart

**Many: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

**Many: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and proclaim your faithfulness by night!**

*All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High!*

## Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Hymn No. 398** *I love to tell the story*

**Offering Our Gifts** Bible School and Education

*Hearing God’s Word*

**Readers’ Theater** *The Kingdom of God*

\* **Song** *This little light of mine*

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*

**Gospel Reading** Luke 5:1-11; 10:1-12; Matthew 28:18-20

**Sermon** *Gone fishin’*

Pastor Peter

*Responding to the Gospel*

\* **Hymn of Response No. 229** *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore*

**Sharing Our Stories and Congregational Prayer**

*Sent to Proclaim the Good News*

\* **Sending Song No. 545** *Be thou my vision*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

**The Adult Sunday School classes will begin**

**10 minutes after the service is over.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

## For Sharing and Prayer

Please pray for Cole Claassen, Grant Claassen, Rachele Claassen, Lucas Goossen, Sara Harms, Steven Harms, Hunter Hill, Paul Janzen, Katrina Regehr, Kyle Regier, Eli Schmidt, and Kylee Schunn as they prepare for baptism next Sunday. Rachele, Katrina, and Kylee will be baptized at Camp Mennoscah in the afternoon.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Great Plains graduates: Miles Reimer, who will begin a Wesley Medical Center’s CPE Residency in June, and Jocelyn Graber, Topeka, who is seeking a pastoral call.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Bethany Bible School, a MMN partner in Mthatha, South Africa, continues to develop church leaders for many African Initiated Churches. Pray for wisdom as the school's administrative committee and Anna and Joe Sawatzky address the challenges of formalizing structures and identifying potential African teachers to receive further training.

**Community Playschool, Inc.** has recently completed another fun filled preschool year! Thirty seven children of the Newton community have participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area churches and United Way. We again want to thank Grace Hill Mennonite Church for being one of those supporting churches. We want to acknowledge the service of Karma Hill as Grace Hill's representative on our board and also for serving as a classroom teacher. We also are grateful for the Christmas Eve offering that we received from your church again this year. We realize this is a significant contribution for our program. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we look towards another year in fall.

Bonnie Krehbiel and Jeanette Leary, co-directors

### **Church Events**

**Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Spiritual Council meets at church.

#### **Next Sunday, Baptism, Pentecost, and Memorial Sunday**

There will be baptism both at Grace Hill and at Camp Mennoscah. We look forward to this exciting day in the life of the church, and for our baptism candidates!

**8:45 a.m.** Candidates and parents meet at the church for rehearsal and prayer

**9:00-9:15 a.m.** group pictures

**9:30 a.m.** Worship, baptism, and communion. All candidates will share their faith stories during worship.

There will be no Sunday School classes.

**11:15 a.m.** (or 15 minutes after worship is over) Memorial Service in the Cemetery

**Lunch** (on your own)

**3:00 p.m.** Meet at Camp Mennoscah for baptism of Rachelle, Katrina, and Kylee

## Et Cetera

**Bryan Moyer Suderman and Chuck Neufeld** will be performing an all-ages concert at New Creation Fellowship Church, 221 Muse St. Newton, on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per household. Bryan's "SmallTall Music" ministry ([www.smalltallmusic.com](http://www.smalltallmusic.com)) has been his "flexible full-time" vocation since 2003, and "Detectives of Divinity," his 5th studio album, is another collection of songs that are deeply scriptural, musically memorable, and readily singable. Canadian Mennonite magazine's review of Bryan's newest CD says "album by album and song by song, Bryan is creating a sound track for the church..." Bryan loves to sing and people of all ages love to sing along, whether in congregational settings, intimate house concerts, or large conferences. Christian Week magazine has described his music as "melodious, guitar-driven folk with simple lyrics that tell important biblical stories and theological truths." Audiences respond to the warmth of his voice, the contagious nature of his songs, and his signature interactive style of singing and song leading.

**Volunteers Needed** - Do you enjoy baking? Kidron Bethel Village needs volunteers to provide baked items for Celebration Day, Friday, June 8. The baked goods will be sold in a silent auction. Zweibach, poppy seed rolls, New Year's cookies, cakes, dinner rolls, fruit pies, breads and other baked treats are welcome. Volunteers also are needed to help serve the meal and for other tasks during the evening, and shifts are available from 5 to 6:30 p.m. or from 6:30 to 8. To volunteer or for information, call Susan Garofalo, 316-836-4837.

**A Premiere Resourcing Event. Yup - this will happen at Western District Conference Annual Assembly** this summer as we explore Becoming One to be Sent in Christ (John 17). Here are three of the 11 options that will be available: Where Have All the Young Adults Gone? How do we talk about Immigration? An Eightfold Path to Mennonite Spirituality. Remember - as you learn, you grow! Join us July 6-8 at the Magnuson Hotel & Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City to get your "resource on!" Visit [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) (Conference Life - Annual Assembly) for full info; the Annual Assembly Report Book (English and Spanish versions) is posted here as well. Check this site often for updates and helpful information.

**I Was in Prison and You Visited Me** These words from Jesus in Matthew 25:36 directly call us to visit the prisoner. Through M-2 you are matched with one inmate who does not otherwise receive regular visits and you visit him once a month. Currently there are over 100 inmates at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility who are on the M-2 waiting list and waiting for a volunteer. Come follow and find Jesus by becoming an M-2 volunteer! If interested, call or email Nathan Koontz at Offender Victim Ministries, (316) 215-1758, [m-2.ovm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-2.ovm@sbcglobal.net).

**Youth Venture** is looking for a few more people to join the Ft. Myers and Los Angeles teams! For two weeks this summer, serve and learn in a group of people from all over the country and see where God is at work in these two cities. Check out the details online: [Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://Service.MennoniteMission.net). Applications are due June 1, so act now!

## Announcements

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Theresa Toews and Kristen Toews  
**Nursery Next Sunday:** Barbara Schmidt and Kylee Schunn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Josh Patterson and Rob Schunn

**Offering Last Sunday:** Local Church \$6,883.25  
**Offering Next Sunday:** Western District Conference

## CHURCH OFFICES

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